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1. "The conflict between East and West Pakistan over the issue of representation of various provinces of Pakistan in the future Federal Legislature has been resolved and with this a major hurdle in making the Constitution for Pakistan has been cleared.
 2. "The agreed formula provides that representation in the lower house will be on the basis of population, East Bengal getting 55% of 300 seats. The Upper House will have equal representation of 10 members from each of the five constituent regional units. Both houses will have equal powers, and provision is made for joint sessions if they disagree.
 3. "In the joint sessions, representation of East and West Pakistan will exactly balance and thus there will be parity between the two wings of Pakistan. It is further provided that the Head of State and the Prime Minister will be from different wings of Pakistan. The agreed formula is considered to be yet another triumph for Prime Minister Mohammed Ali who has asserted himself surprisingly quickly over the welter of Pakistan politics."

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